

## Physics Department Incidents Log

<b>Incident No.</b>	2004 - 02	<b>Date of Report:</b> 6/28/04
<b>Reportable/Classification:</b>	Not ORPS Reportable Lost Workday	<b>Date of Incident:</b> 6/1/04
<b>Status</b>	ES&H Committee Final Report	
<b>Groups Involved:</b>	Phenix	
<b>Lead Investigator:</b>	C. Woody	

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### **Description:**

At approximately 0900 hours a technician twisted his ankle while walking along the entrance driveway to the PHENIX Assembly Hall. This occurred on an uneven part of the concrete approximately 15 feet in front of the roll up door at the entrance of the building. The employee was wearing proper footwear at the time of the accident. He had just finished using a forklift, but the forklift was parked and shut off at the time of the incident. He was walking in a direction perpendicular to the driveway where the concrete is broken and a 2-inch deep depression exists. The depression is in an area that was excavated and repaired about 6 years ago. He was taken to the Occupational Medical Clinic by his immediate supervisor where he was examined and X-rays were taken. It was determined that the ankle was sprained but not broken, and he was advised to keep ice on it for several hours and then stay off it for a few days. He followed these instructions and went home on 6/1, and stayed home from work for one additional day on 6/2. He reported back to work on 6/3 and limited his activities so as not to aggravate his condition.

### **Root Cause:**

**Uneven pavement at the entranceway to the PHENIX Assembly Hall was the primary cause of the accident.**

### **Contributing Causes:**

Inattention to the walking surface by the employee.

### **Corrective Actions (Group):**

The group will request that the entrance driveway to the PHENIX Assembly Hall be repaired.

### **Corrective Actions (Department):**

Group Safety Coordinators (GSCs) will be informed and there will be discussion of this incident at the next GSC meeting, Group Leaders will be briefed, and the Department will be informed of the incident at the next Department Meeting.

### **Lessons Learned:**

Aging infrastructure and the lack of funding to keep it in good repair requires all persons to be especially mindful of their surroundings and possibility for injury.

The above incident has been investigated and requires no further action.

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S. Aronson, Department Chair

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